

Developing Partnerships in Community Mental Health

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### **Medicare Locals and Community Managed Organisations**

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## **Summary Observations**

### **Observations from Jenny Beange, CEO Western NSW Medicare Local**

Time and capacity is right for change now due to

- Pending review of Australia Medicare Local Alliance
- Review due from NSW Mental Health Commission
- State system is 'broken' and in need of change

Changes to resourcing needed to change impact on the ground

A vision to pursue ...

“ A Service Worth Giving for a Life Worth Living”

Utilise each other strengths while continuing to respect each other's differences.

From on the ground and at local level a submission is required for “whole of system change”

Aim for integrated mental health service delivery with joint governance of Medicare Locals, Local Health Districts and MH NGOs

### **Observations from Karen Burns, CEO Uniting Care Mental Health**

Most important “take home” messages are

- Keep the conversations going
- Continue to build collaboration and strategic relationships

Trust & courage is required

Strategic leadership is needed.